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China Resolution at UN Human Rights Commission

Tomorrow, on April 15, the U.S. will co-sponsor the resolution to be introduced by Denmark on China's human rights practices at the UN Human Rights Commission currently meeting in Geneva. We anticipate that China will try to prevent discussion of its record through a vote on a "no-action" motion. We believe that as the world's premier multilateral human rights forum, the Human Rights Commission is the appropriate venue for discussion of human rights practices in all countries, including China.

We hope that the members of the UN Human Rights Commission will take a stand in favor of the universality of human rights principles, and vote with us to bring the issue of human rights in China to the floor for discussion and a vote.

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